





## **SAVE THE DATE**

## "RELAUNCHING EUROPE BOTTOM UP"

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**European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk/Poland** 



The European Union needs a vital relaunch and, most urgently, a solidary solution of migration challenges. The impact of migration is most strongly felt at the local municipality level. This is where the growing number of refugees needs effective humanitarian help based on successful political strategies in areas like housing, employment, education and health.

Multi-stakeholder, municipality-led programs for integration of third-country nationals are pivotal for successful integration. Based on inclusion, solidarity and innovation they should get additional European funding for a strategy of general community investment and development. The conference will bring information on the benefits of multi-stakeholder approaches for the relaunch of Europe.

## **Objectives of the Conference:**

The conference will unite approx. 200 stakeholders from municipalities, businesses, civil society from all over Europe as well as representatives of the European Parliament, Commission and cities and regions of Europe. The conference will:

- Inform participants about a European multi-stakeholder based integration policy focused on a common development strategy at the municipal level.
- Discuss the benefits of this holistic approach with participating European municipalities and answer open questions.
- Allow participating European municipalities to become part of a larger movement and network with likeminded stakeholders from politics, business and civil society.
- Promote a general bottom-up relaunch of the EU through the participation of civil society and business and through more direct European financing of communities and regions.

Please save the date and join us for this unique event to contribute to the rise of a smarter and more inclusive Europe!

A detailed program will come soon. Simultaneous translation into chosen European languages will be provided.

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